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I shall ascend my funeral pile triumphantly  
when everyone else has been conquered.

I shall call out the name of my people  
when my enemies' bodies lay dead before my feet.

I shall raise my sword to the heavenly sky  
when the traitor's blood seeps from his body and  
into the earth.

I shall claim up my prizes  
when I rip them from the hands of the fallen.

I shall be the hero of the gods  
when I have earned my glory.

I shall accept my early death  
when I know I have killed all those who took part  
in killing him

I shall lie down for eternal sleep  
when my bones lie beside his.